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This is the second in an ongoing series of informative articles from the Baton Rouge Police Department designed for your homeowner association email/newsletter/website.

BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAFETY TIPS

It's that time of year again when most people enjoy getting out of the house and working in their yard. A few things to check around the house:

1- When trimming back bushes around the house, don't forget to trim the bottom of the bushes as well. If someone is hiding behind them, their feet will be visible.

2- Check and change the motion detector lights around the exterior of the house if they are burned out.

3- It is best NOT to leave a "secret/hidden" key outside...chances are the more experienced burglars know where the most common hiding places for those keys are located.

4- Double key bolt locks are the best, but if you have glass on the door, don't hang the key too close....it's too easy to break the window, reach in and grab the key.

RECENT ARRESTS

For those of you living in the PARK FOREST area, Baton Rouge Police Department Burglary Detectives arrested a 15-year old juvenile for 13 home/vehicle burglaries in your area. There are possibly more charges pending further investigation.

Burglary Detectives also arrested MARTIN THOMAS, 20, for several vehicle burglaries, as well as one residential burglary in the S. ACADIAN/CLAYCUT area.

In the event a resident arrives home and realizes someone has entered their home without permission, please do not enter the residence since the intruder may still be inside. It is best to go to a safe place and call the Police immediately. Also, please do not touch anything until the responding officer has completed his/her investigation.

SMOKE SHOP ARRESTS

I'm sure most of you have heard that the owners of two smoke shops were arrested recently. DEMOND EAMES and BRUCE MOORE, owners of Fun Smoke Shop in Baker, as well as Fun Time Novelties, Hewwood Avenue, which is located at the O'Neil Lane entrance to WEDGEWOOD SUBDIVISION, were arrested by BRPD Narcotics Officers. Both men were charged with selling synthetic marijuana (mojo) in their stores which were suspected of containing controlled illegal substances. Officers seized approximately 3,426 packages of suspected synthetic marijuana (11,007.5 grams) in the Baton Rouge location.

Mojo has become a real problem in East Baton Rouge Parish, where well over 100 people have been treated in hospital emergency rooms for the severe side effects this drug causes. Baton Rouge Police Department is doing everything possible to curtail the illegal sale of Mojo in the Baton Rouge area.

Some of the packages are shipped in from overseas, while others are mixed in the back of stores or even in homes and is sprayed with unknown chemicals that are causing severe side effects.

Parents, please be aware the bright colored, cartoon like packaging is very appealing to young people.

WARNING

We received a call today from the son of an elderly lady who was targeted by scammers. The caller posed as the grandson of the victim saying he was in trouble and he needed her help. When she did not believe it was her grandson, another man called stating he was the attorney for her grandson. Fortunately, the victim did not fall for it and hung up the phone. This is one of many common tactics used by scammers attempting to trick the victim into sending money, usually from the elderly. Don't be a victim – if you do not know the caller and they are asking for money, or if something just does not sound right, please hang up the phone. It is best not to stay on the phone with them because these people are very convincing and good at what they do.

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